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**Economic Development Committee**

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Dear Congresswoman Tsongas,

As a Cochairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Town of Acton, I can report that our committee strongly supports your request for High Priority Project (HPP) funding for Phase 2A (Acton, Westford, Carlisle) and 2C (Concord) of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT).

The BFRT is a potentially valuable tool in our efforts to market Acton as a desirable place to live and do business. We are well aware that the Trail enjoys widespread support among the citizens of Acton. This support has been expressed in our Town Meetings and elsewhere.

We are concerned that the momentum for the development of the Trail not be lost, as Phase 1 is currently under construction, but Phases 2A and 2C of the BFRT, which would incorporate segments within the Town of Acton as well as our surrounding towns, remain to be fully committed. Since projects like this are often underfunded, it is extremely valuable to have HPP funds allocated to the BFRT.

As you may know, to date, the Towns of Acton, Carlisle, Westford and Concord have already contributed approximately \$522,500.00 towards the initial engineering assessments and preliminary design of the projects. We urge you to protect our investment in these preliminary activities so that we can proceed with the physical completion of the Trail.

Thank you for your consideration and your support for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. Tindal  
Co-chairman  
Economic Development Committee  
Town of Acton